

Last week, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York announced that he and his staff had recently become aware of section 434 of the new welfare law, and planned to challenge it in court.

An alien who witnesses a crime should feel free to report it to the police without fear of being deported. Just as an alien ought to be able to get emergency medical attention without fear of deportation. Mr. President, section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 poses a serious threat to health and safety in New York City and elsewhere. It should be repealed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ELECTROPAC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Electropac, a New Hampshire company, in honor of their 20th anniversary. On September 19th and 20th, a number of employees, individuals, and organizations will gather together at Electropac's corporate headquarters in Manchester, NH, to celebrate their 20th year of business. I would like to congratulate everyone who helped this technology company grow to become the success it is today. The dedication and hard work, as evidenced by the growth that Electropac has experienced over the years, is truly unparalleled.

Electropac is an independently owned, small to mid-sized company that specializes in manufacturing high-tech printed circuit boards for the computer, telecommunication, medical instrumentation, and military industries. The circuit boards they produce are state of the art, double sided, multilayered boards.

The Manchester office of Electropac has served as Electropac's corporate headquarters and center of manufacturing operations since 1980. In addition to being located in Manchester, Electropac has expanded with a prototype facility in Londonderry, and with circuit board companies in Montreal, Canada, and St. Catharines, Ontario. At these locations, Electropac employs over 400 people and brings in over \$33 million in business. This is an enormous increase considering the company's founder and president, Raymond Boissoneau, established Electropac with only one employee and \$1,000 in cash.

Electropac has been included on a regular basis as one of the top 50 and the top 75 privately owned companies in the State of New Hampshire. Just this past year, Electropac designed a program with the Manchester School of Technology that brings students into the company and allows Electropac to become their classroom, thus providing students with hands-on experience and training in high-tech manufacturing. Electropac supports a number of organizations throughout the State of New Hampshire including the N.H. Job Training Council, the Manchester

Chamber of Commerce, the Made in New Hampshire Expo, the Merrimack Youth Association, and the Merrimack Rotary and Lions Clubs. Among numerous other awards, Raymond Boissoneau has received the New Hampshire High Technology Council's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. It is through his leadership and inspiration that has caused Electropac to rise to be the success that it is today. Raymond Boissoneau places the responsibility of the company with the employees, which adds great measure to the company's prosperity.

Electropac's success over the years can be attributed to a number of factors. One factor is the emphasis placed on the level of service and quality, rather than on quantity and growth. By maintaining several medium sized operations, Electropac diversifies itself, providing its customers with efficient and cost-effective service specialties. Flexibility is the key to their success in such a competitive market because they are able to adapt their products quickly to the technological growth of today's industry. Also, Electropac is the first manufacturer in the United States and only the second in the world to provide a beta site. A beta site essentially is a test site for outside companies. Electropac opens their manufacturing operations and allows various companies to test new technical products, that are not on the market yet, using all of Electropac's facilities and machinery.

Mr. President, I commend Electropac and its employees for their support of New Hampshire, and for their contributions as a whole to the industry of America. Electropac is an excellent example of a truly successful and dynamic New Hampshire company. Congratulations to Raymond Boissoneau and his dedicated employees who have made Electropac so competitive in today's technology industry. May you experience continued growth and success.●

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH J. FRANK

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I congratulate my fellow Missourian, Joseph J. Frank, on his election as national commander of the American Legion, at the 78th national convention, on September 5, 1996.

I am very proud that the Legion, the Nation's largest veterans' organization, comprised of over 3 million members, will be represented by an individual with the kind of dedication, integrity, and commitment that has been Mr. Frank's hallmark.

My State is proud of our military heritage, and we revere native military leaders such as John J. Pershing, the first six star general since George Washington. Joe Frank, born and raised in St. Louis County, MO, has achieved another first: he's the first Missourian and first Vietnam veteran to command the American Legion. I

am sure both of these firsts will bring new insights and perspectives to the post.

Mr. Frank served in Vietnam in 1968. He was wounded severely and continues to cope each day with the paralysis which resulted, but these wounds have not dampened his patriotism or his commitment to serving his fellow Americans. Immediately after recovering from the wounds he sustained in Vietnam, Mr. Frank founded the Crestwood Memorial American Legion Post 777, now the Joseph L. Frank Memorial Post 777, renamed in memory of his father. Since founding the post, Mr. Frank has gone on to serve as post commander, district commander, and state commander. He has also held several previous leadership positions on the national level, including national vice commander, chairman of the national economic commission, and chairman of the foreign relations commission.

But Joe Frank's service radiates well beyond the American Legion. He has dedicated himself to helping individuals with disabilities through his positions on the Executive Board of the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, and the Missouri Governor's Council on Disability. Mr. Frank has also been recognized by the White House for his service to the Selective Service System.

I am confident, Mr. President, that Joe Frank, from my own great State of Missouri, will serve his fellow veterans with dignity, vigor, and direction. He already has set forth part of his agenda, by identifying three priorities: increasing membership, protecting the U.S. flag from desecration, and improving and expanding health care to our veterans. Because of my own involvement in the area of veterans health care through my chairmanship of the Senate appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over veterans programs, I am especially delighted to recognize Mr. Frank's leadership in this area.

It is my honor to join with Mr. Frank's wife, Barbara, his family, many friends, and especially his fellow American Legion members in saluting Joseph J. Frank for providing inspiration and a source of pride for veterans, Missourians, and for all Americans.●

#### ELECTRONIC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 406, S. 1090.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1090) to amend section 552 of title 5, U.S. Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes.